

## BLONDIE



## SALLY FORTH



## THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



## 9 CHICKWEED LANE



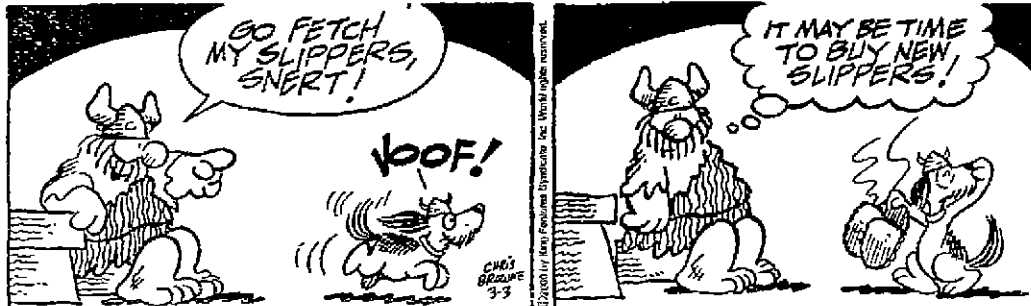
## ANDY CAPP



## ROSE IS ROSE



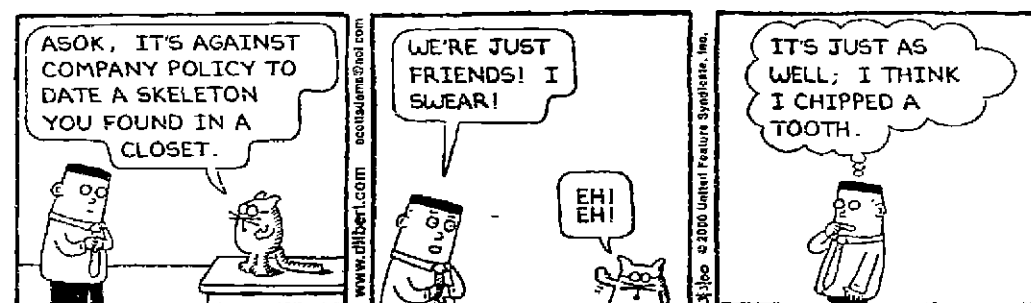
## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



## MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



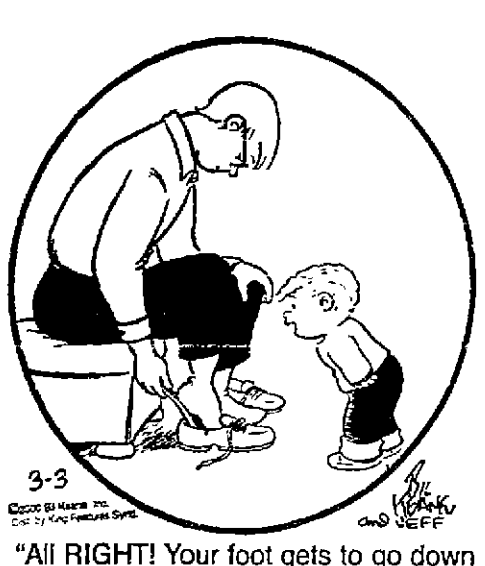
## DILBERT



## DENNIS THE MENACE



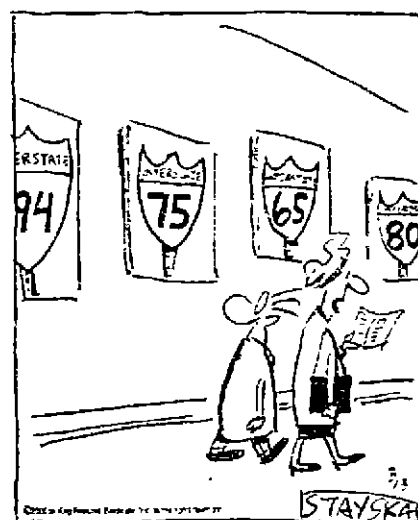
## FAMILY CIRCUS



## RHYMES WITH ORANGE



## RALPH



## Today's Birthdays

Actor James Doohan is 80.  
Actress Hattie Winston is 55.  
Singer Jennifer Warnes is 53.  
Actor-director Tim Kazurinsky is 50.  
Singer-musician Robyn Hitchcock is 47.  
Actress Miranda Richardson is 42.  
Actress Mary Page Keller is 39.  
Olympic track and field gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey is 38.  
Football player Herschel Walker is 38.  
Rapper-actor Tone-Loc is 34.

## I NEED HELP



## SCRABBLE

SCRABBLE: A word game played on a 15x15 grid. The goal is to use all seven letters to form words. The letters are: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z.

PAR SCORE 110-120  
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL  
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each rack. Add points of each word, using scoring directions in rack. "Best words get 50-point bonus." Words used as any letter have no point value. All words are in the Official Scrabble Words (SOWPOD) dictionary. ©1999 Official Scrabble Words (SOWPOD) JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 3:00

For solution, see Classified.

## WORD SLEUTH

## —DEGREE

MRMPMDJGRDNAXVS  
LQNKANKIHFETDEAX  
VATOSSQOOHMTJH  
FCCAYTRNSCIGAWU  
REPISNEOLIRJIHF  
SDGRDBMRLMDZCHX  
VTIEREMASEHTOQO  
MFKILHMRFDHDSBZ  
YVWTRLQYOANCSLK  
IHFDCAOZXCWVALV  
USRQODECNVDA BN

Thursday's unlisted clue: AARON  
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.  
Friday's unlisted clue: MURDER IN THE — DEGREE  
Academic College Master's The same  
Advanced Higher Medical Third  
Associate Honorary Nth To some  
Bachelor's Law Second

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For solution, see Classified.

## HOROSCOPE

For Saturday, March 4

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Don't be afraid to ask for help when you need it.  
**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) A compromise might be your best strategy.  
**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Using your head rather than your heart is advisable.  
**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Money issues rise to the surface as you think about buying something beyond your means.  
**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22) Be on the lookout for ego clashes to rise in a long-term relationship.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) As the moon moves into the house of Aquarius, this is a good time for you to get your home in order.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) An intellectual connection could add some excitement to your life.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) The normal harmony of home is upset by a small detail.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Communication issues come to the forefront as the moon moves into Aquarius.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) This is a good time to balance your checkbook or put a personal budget into place.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) The moon moves into your house, giving you an extra boost of energy.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to March 20) Pay attention to what you are daydreaming about.

## ACES

By Bobby Wolff

When West leads his singleton diamond to East's king, should East cash both honors and lead a third round? If he does, it won't work. South ruffs high, draws trumps and later discards a heart on dummy's diamond jack. The defenders get two diamonds and a club, and South gets his vulnerable game. East does better by returning his diamond 10 at trick two. This allows West to ruff South's queen while East's A-9 of diamonds remain over dummy's J-8. After the ruff, West returns the heart queen to dummy's ace, challenging East a second time. What happens if he follows low? South draws trumps and exits with another heart, forcing East to win. East cannot lead safely, and South enjoys either a ruff and sluff (discarding dummy's club) or a free club finesse. To escape the endplay, East must unload his heart king under dummy's ace. Now there is no escape for South. He must concede four tricks to an alert defense. From the lyrics of the popular country song "The Gambler": "You got to know when to hold 'em, know when to fold 'em."

## N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

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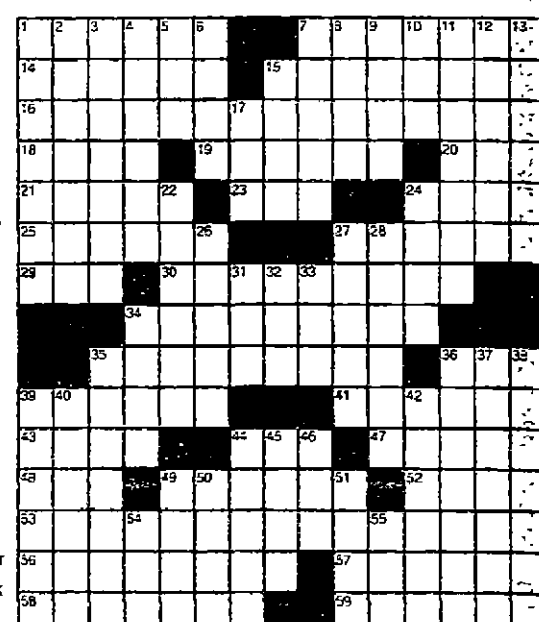
- ACROSS**
- Moseyed
  - Specious argument
  - Let out, in a way
  - Get totally involved with
  - Listen
  - Thrill-seeker's love
  - Like a D. W. Griffith film
  - "\_\_\_ a chance"
  - Like contracts
  - Mint
  - Come together
  - Be sore
  - "The X-Files" agent
  - Abbr. on a business sign
  - Doctor's write-up
  - It gets stuck in bars
  - Tootsy-wootsies
  - Machine rotator
  - Newscast part
  - Give a black eye
  - Winston Churchill, e.g.
  - Pop Art pioneer
  - Fuselage fastener
  - Professional org. since 1847
  - Amateurish artist
  - Crown wearer
  - Cut loose
  - Put off
  - Like some winds
  - Black-footed albatrosses
  - The Ponderosa, e.g.

## DOWN

- Nobly
- Early beach arrivals?
- Meat cut
- Meat site
- American \_\_\_
- Jupiter, e.g.
- Strength
- Place for a timer
- Pain in the neck
- Tear
- Foolishly
- Boardwalk diversion
- In the main
- Share
- Ring ending
- Draw off
- Actress Ashley
- Steps over the line
- Handle
- Foul-mouth
- Dump

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ARCH OWES ACUTE  
SOLI TAXI WISER  
ASIN TRIM ARENA  
PHOEBE TOPIC  
SUR NATURAL  
FASTS DUES MEME  
ITTO SINGS NEON  
STAN PAORE ALUG  
CITE EMEER VENT  
ALEC CORE WIDTH  
LANOLIN DOG  
WEEDS REACTS  
ARUBA MALI THOR  
MASON IVAN TOWA  
SWAYS NECK OWNS



Puzzle by John Woolington

- ACROSS**
- Drop
  - Tiny amount
  - Open boat
  - Friend of Hamlet
  - Hors d'oeuvres
  - Statue of Liberty's home
  - Like some mail
  - Place of confinement
  - Large citrus fruit
  - Pole carrier
  - Small fry
  - Snake charmer, in musician's slang
  - Itch
  - Wrapped up
  - Kind of game
  - Zebras
  - Bear necessity
  - Mere taste

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